

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

On page 4, in the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section, please amend descriptions of FIGS. 9 and 10 as follows:

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FIG. 9 is an illustration of a lift and align table in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention in use; [[and,]]

FIG. 10 is another illustration of a lift and align table in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention in use[.]; and

[ On page 4 in the "BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS" section, after the description of FIG. 10, please add a new description of FIG. 11 as follows: ]

FIG. 11 is a perspective view of a lift and align table in accordance with another embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 1, and ending on page 12, line 10, as follows:

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The lift and align table in accordance with the present invention can further include a second slide mechanism 70 to enable alignment in a direction perpendicular to the direction indicated by arrows 71. For example, a second slide mechanism can be mounted on the top surface 42 of the upper plate 40. The second slide mechanism would be installed so that the direction of the movement of the lead block 198 is perpendicular to the direction of arrows 71. Then, another

D<sub>2</sub> top plate would be installed over the second slide mechanism, as described above, thereby allowing adjustments of the top plate, using the two slide mechanisms, in two directions within the same plane, namely in the direction of arrows 71 and in a direction perpendicular to arrows 71. An example of a lift and align table having such a configuration is illustrated in Figure 11, in which the combination of the slide mechanism 70 and the upper plate 40 is collectively identified by numeral 301. The second slide mechanism and another top plate are illustrated as block 303, which comprises the combination 301.

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